

# **Galileo Student Project – Historical Podcast-tour**

## **Learning Goals**

- To work in teams, independently of teachers, to gather and interpret information and observations at historically significant locations in Melbourne.
- To develop skills in planning, delegation, writing for an audience and use of ICT (audio/graphic).
- To produce a Podcast-tour that will guide users through a series of historically significant locations in Melbourne and provide commentary on their evolution and significance.

## **Phase 1 – Initial Exploration and Data Gathering (half-day trail)**

On the Photo-History Trail, the students will visit the Melbourne Story exhibition and choose six historically important Melbourne landmarks to investigate. The aim of the day is to:

- Choose a theme or style for their tour
- Collect general historical information on which to base Podcast-tour introduction (Museum)
- Collect information about past and present uses of their buildings/sites
- Consider the significance of the buildings/sites to Melbourne in terms of liveability, sustainability or citizenship
- Complete on-site recordings of observations using digital media
- Take photographs of the locations
- Provide additional commentary on the personal relevance of the sites or surrounding areas

## **Phase 2 – Additional Research (1 session)**

Students complete additional research on their sites to complement the information gathered on the Photo-History Trail. This includes:

- Choosing the four best sites, delegating sites to team members and deciding the order of sites.
- Historical photographs of the site for comparison
- Additional details of the changing uses of the building/site

## **Phase 3 - Podcast Tour Preparation (2 sessions + homework)**

Once sufficient research has been completed, students will plan and write their Podcast-tour, including:

- Writing a script to record at each location
- Recording scripts

## **Phase 4 – Post-production and Publishing (2 sessions + homework)**

- Nominated editors will receive a workshop on the use of Audacity audio software. Editors then collate recorded audio in Audacity, edit and export the final product.
- Other team members will receive workshops on Photoshop/Publisher to produce the map & photo page.
- Finished tours will be uploaded to an online forum (Wiki, etc)

## **Phase 5 – Testing**

Galileo students follow Podcast-tours completed by other groups through the city, evaluate the tour using an evaluation tool, and provide feedback.

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Dear new employees,

Congratulations on being employed by Melbourne's newest, fastest growing and most dynamic audio-tour company! As part of our History division your team will be responsible for researching, designing, recording and producing an original Podcast-tour about buildings of historical importance in Melbourne's Central Business District.

## Design Brief:

### Who will use your Podcast-tour?

- A team of **Galileo students** will take your finished tour later this term.
- Any particularly high-quality tours will be offered to the **UHS Humanities Department** for use in History excursions.
- **Tourists and local residents** interested in the history of Melbourne, and historical buildings in particular.

### Project Timeline:

Phase	Date(s)
Phase 1 – Initial Exploration, Recording and Data Gathering	
Phase 2 – Additional Research	
Phase 3 - Podcast Tour Preparation	
Submit scripts to teacher for review	
Phase 4 – Post-production and Publishing	
Phase 5 - Testing	

### Project Scope:

#### Introduction

The introduction segment of your tour should:

- Identify your team members and the theme/title of your tour.
- Provide a quick summary of the general history of Melbourne (1-2 minutes).
- Provide details on how to get to the first site from major railway stations or other public transport.

#### Locations

During the Photo-History Trail (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October) you will visit six buildings of historical importance in Melbourne. Your group should choose four (4) of these sites to include on your tour. For each site, your Podcast-tour should include the following details:

- The site address and location, with clear instructions on how to get there from the previous location.
- A description of the original building in terms of architecture, design and decoration.
- Original and past used of the building, including any major events, developments or important people associated with the building.
- A description of the building in its current form in terms of architecture, design and decoration.
- Present uses of the building.
- Some description and evaluation of the contribution the building has made to liveability, sustainability or citizenship in Melbourne. This should include both past and present uses.

### **The Insider Perspective:**

In your Podcast-tour, you may also include commentary on the personal relevance of the sites or surrounding areas to yourselves as young-people in Melbourne. For example: the best places for food, entertainment or free stuff.

### **Map and photo page**

With your Podcast-tour you must submit a route-map for your tour, and a page/brochure of relevant photographs (collected on your trails).

### **Podcast-tour Length: 12-20 minutes**

Tours should be 12-18 minutes in total (not including travel-time between sites). Therefore, the audio content for each site should be between 2 and 4 minutes (including giving directions to the next site).

### **Production Team**

You may divide tasks amongst your production team as you wish. However, your Podcast-tour must include approximately equal contributions from every team member.

### **Style**

Our company is known for its high-quality production and unique style. Make sure you give your Podcast-tour “the edge” by presenting the material in an interesting or creative manner. For example:

- Having a tour theme or story which binds the sites together (for example: crime, entertainment, shopping)
- Using appropriate background music
- Using humour, drama or dialogue in your tour

### **Resources**

To hear some examples of Podcast-tours, you can visit the following sites:

<http://talk-n-tours.com/blog/>

<http://peoplestour.net/>

Here are some sites to get you started on researching the history of your sites:

[http://www.walkingmelbourne.com/name\\_select.html](http://www.walkingmelbourne.com/name_select.html)

[www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au) (Go to Catalogues and Databases)

[www.picturevictoria.vic.gov.au](http://www.picturevictoria.vic.gov.au)

[www.google.com.au](http://www.google.com.au)